PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT PARTS.

Convened on Friday, the 24th of September, 1841, at St. Peter's church, Wythe county, Va., and continued on the 25th, 27th and 28th.

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PROCEEDINGS.

In obedience to the 26th resolution adopted at their last meeting, the ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and adjacent parts, with their delegates, assembled at St. Peters' church, Wythe county Va., on Friday the 24th of September, 1841. The congregation being tardy in assembling, it was agreed unanimously, that the preaching of the Synodical Sermon be deferred until to-morrow, and that we proceed to the immediate organization of Synod, which was accordingly done by the President, with singing and prayer. The Secretary now called the roll, when the following brethren answered to their names:

Ministers.	*Post Office Address.*
1. Rev. JACOB SCHERER,	*Rural Retreat, Wythe co., Va.*
2. " HENRY GREABER,	*Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.*
3. " WILLIAM ARTZ,	*Holts Store, Orange co., N. C.*
4. " BENJAMIN AREY,	*Cowansville, Rowan co., N. C.*
5. " SAMUEL ROTHROCH,	*Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.*
6. " ELIJAH HAWKINS,	*Marion, Smyth co., Va.*
7. " JOHN D. SCHECK,*	*Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.*
8. " WILLIAM G. HARTER,*	*Concord, Cabarrus co., N. C.*

LICENTIATES.

9. Rev. JACOB CRIM,	*Lexington, Davidson co., N. C.*
10. " JOHN J. GREEVER,	*Burks Garden. Tazewell co., Va.*
11. " GIDEON SHERER.	*Rural Retreat, Wythe co., Va.*

ABSENTEES.

12. Rev. JOHN T. TABLER,†	*Wythe co., C. H., Va.*
13. " JACOB GRIESON,	*Claps P. O., Guilford co., N. C.*
14. " ADAM GRIMES,	*Wilksboro, Wilks co., N. C.*
15. " JOHN SWICEGOOD.	*Brown Town, Davidson co., N. C.*

*Received at this meeting. †Suspended.

The lay-delegates were now called upon to present their certificates of appointment to this Synod, whereupon the following exhibited their credentials, and were admitted as members of Synod.

1. JONAS HUTTLE, Esq.,	*from*	*Rev. J. Scherer's*	*Congregation.*
2. HENRY BLACKWELDER,	"	"	*H. Greaber's*	"
3. CHRISTIAN KEIMS,	"	"	*W. Artz's*	"
4. JOHN L. RENDLEMAN,	"	"	*S. Rothrock's*	"
5. ANDREW RICKARD,	"	"	*B. Arey's*	"
6. THOMAS J. MYERS,	"	"	*E. Hawkin's*	"
7. STEPHEN SPRECHER,	"	"	*G. Scherer's*	"
8. JOHN ROSENBAUM,	"	"	*J. J. Greever's*	"

The President then read his annual report, which was accepted. (See appendix A.)

The President then stated, that if any ministers present, wish to connect themselves with this Synod an opportunity was now offered them; whereupon the Rev. John D. Scheck and Rev. William G. Harter presented letters of regular dismission from the Synod of South Carolina, which were read by the President, when it was

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. John D. Scheck, and Rev. William G. Harter, be received as members of this Synod.

The Synod next proceeded to an election for officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren, viz,

Rev. HENRY GREABER, *President.*
" JOHN D. SCHECK, *Secretary.*
MR. ANDREW RICHARD, *Treasurer.*

2. *Resolved*, That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of our last session, and that a committee of two be appointed to examine them, and report all unfinished business. Committee, Rev. Artz and Mr. H. Blackwelder.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod take a recess for half an hour.

Closed with prayer by the Secretary.

At ½ past 12 o'clock, brother Arey delivered an instructive discourse from Hebrew vi. 12: "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 24th.*

Synod resumed its business. The President called for all papers and communications intended for this Synod, which were handed in, and were referred to the following committees:

On President's Report—Rev. John J. Greever, Rev. Harter and Mr. S. Sprecher.

On Letters—Rev. Mrssrs. Scherer, Artz, Rothrock, and Mrssrs. Hottle and Rickard.

On Petitions—Rev. Mrssrs. Arey, Hawkins and Mr. John Rendleman.

On Minutes from Sister Synods—Rev. Mrssrs. Arey, Scheck, Crim, and Mr. Tho. J. Myers.

On Seminary Funds.—Rev. Hawkins, and Jonas Hottle, Esq.

On Report of Treasurer of Synod—Rev. Harter, and Mrssrs. Myers and Heims.

4. *Resolved*, That all resolutions of importance, offered by the members of this Synod, be committed to writing, and that this be the standing rule.

5. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with the Apostolic benediction.

At candle light brother Greever preached in the church from the first Epistle of John iv. 8: "for God is love."

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 25th.*

Synod opened with prayer by brother Artz.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and confirmed.

The committee on the President's address presented the following report:

Report No. 1.

The committee to whom was referred the President's address beg leave to report, that they have examined and amended it. We regret to learn from this address that the President was under the necessity of suspending the Rev. John T. Tabler from his clerical functions. It is deeply to be lamented that even a private member of the church should be guilty of an open violation of duty, but especially so in regard to an act of gross immorality in a minister of the gospel.

Your committee heartily concur with the President in recommending to your favorable notice the celebration of the centenary of Lutheranism, and finally recommend that said address, as amended, be appended and printed with the minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. G. HARTER,
JOHN J. GREEVER,
STEPHEN SPRECHER.

Adopted.

The following report was presented by the committee on letters.

Report No. 2.

The committee appointed to examine the letters addressed to Synod, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to report as follows:

No. 1 is a letter from the Rev. C. M. F. Deems, agent of the American Bible Society for the state of North Carolina, soliciting this body to adopt some efficient plans by which it may systematically co-operate with the American Bible Society in the distribution of the holy scriptures, "without note or comment." Your committee recommend that said letter be read, and that the Secretary write a friendly letter to said agent on the subject proposed in his letter with such instruction as the President may deem proper to give him.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. Daniel Scherer, of Hillsboro, Illinois, in which he prays the blessing of the great Head of the church upon the deliberations of this body, accompanied with some statements relative to the people called "*Mormons.*" We recommend that said letter be read.

No. 3 is a letter from the Rev. John Swicegood, stating that circumstances of a peculiar nature prevented his attending the present meeting of Synod, and prays that his absence be excused and his license renewed. We recommend that his absence be excused, and that the renewal of his license be referred to the Ministerium.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. A. Grimes, stating that his attendance at the present meeting of Synod was rendered impossible in consequence of not having the means of travelling, and prays that his absence be excused. We recommend that the people among whom he officiates furnish him with a horse, and that his absence be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. P. A. Strobel, former Secretary of this Synod. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. Jacob Grieson, praying that his non attendance at this meeting of Synod may be excused in consequence of old age and bobily indisposition. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. John Lantz, corresponding delegate from the German Reformed Classis of North Carolina to this Synod, expressive of their friendly feelings towards us, and desiring that the fraternal correspondence which has hitherto existed between us may be continued. We recommend that Synod appoint a corresponding delegate to the German Reformed Classis at its next meeting.

No. 8 is a number of letters relative to certain charges of immorality preferred against the Rev. John T. Tabler, the consideration of which we refer to the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB SCHERER, *Chairman.*

Accepted.

The committee on petitions reported as follows:

Report No. 3.

The committee appointed to examine sundry petitions beg leave to present the following report:

No. 1 is a petition from Organ church, Rowan county, N. C., signed by a considerable number of persons, praying this Synod to hold its next annual meeting in said church. Referred to the consideration of Synod.

No. 2 is a petition from the elders and deacons of the churches in Burk's Garden, Tazewell county, and Sharon, in Wythe county, Va., bearing testimony to the success of the ministerial labors of the Rev. John J. Greever, and praying that they may be favored with his services during the ensuing year. Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Enoch's church, in Rowan county, inviting this Synod to hold its next annual meeting therein. Referred to the Synod.

No. 4 is a petition from Blakely county, Ind., signed by fifteen persons, praying this Synod to supply them with a minister of the gospel who is able to preach in the English and German languages; also stating that they have neither partaken of the Lord's Supper nor had their children baptized for six years. Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 5 is a petition from a number of the members of St. John's church, near Wytheville, Va., bearing favorable testimony to the fidelity and success of Rev. John J. Greever, and earnestly desiring this Synod to favor them with his services the ensuing year. Referred to the Ministerium.

BENJAMIN AREY,
ELIJAH HAWKINS,
J. L. RENDLEMAN.

Adopted.

Report No. 4.

The committee appointed to examine and report on the minutes of sister Synods beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the minutes of the following Synods:

1. The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent parts. This Synod met in Zanesville on Saturday, the 31st of October, 1840. This Synod was composed of 8 ordained ministers and 5 licensed candidates. Its officers are

Rev. W. G. KEIL, *President.*
" JOHN B. RECK, *Secretary.*
" GEORGE LITER, *Treasurer.*

From the parochial reports we learn the following items: congregations 28; baptized 363; confirmed 214; communicants 1617; deaths 62; Sunday schools 8.

2. Are the minutes of western district of Ohio. This Synod convened at Miamisburg, Montgomery county, on the 5th of June 1841. There were 10 ministers present, six of whom were ordained. We regret to see that thirteen of their ministers absent, most of which were without excuse. The officers are

REV. A. HENKLE, *President.*
" H. HENKLE, *Secretary.*
MR. P. BOPE, *Treasurer.*

They report congregations 53; baptized 1161; confirmed 501; communicants 6574; deaths 247; S. schools 20.

3. Are the minutes of the 45th Synod of the State of New York and adjacent parts, convened in Columbia county, N. York, on the 29th day of August, 1840. The officers are

Rev. N. POHLMAN, *President.*
" W. D. STROBEL, *Secretary.*
" JACOB BERGER, *Treasurer.*

This body numbers 36 ministers, of whom 5 are licentiates; congregations 40; baptized 1200; confirmations 677; communicants 7347; Sunday school 24. These

brethren are actively engaged in missionary, education, tract, bible and temperance enterprises.

4. Are the minutes of the 22d Synod of Maryland, which convened at Manchester, Carroll county, October 17th, 1840. The officers are

Rev. Mr. Morris, *President.*
" " Cline, *Secretary.*
" Harkey, *Treasurer.*

This Synod numbers 17 ordained ministers and 7 licentiates; congregations 47; baptisms 805; confirmed 439; communicants 4945; deaths 174.

5. The Synod of Pennsylvania convened in Harrisburg, in Trinity week, and continued its sessions from the 5th to 10th of June. 1841. The officers are

Rev. C. Miller, *President.*
" H. C. Miller, *Secretary.*
Dr. John C. Becker, *Treasurer.*

The parochial reports exhibit the following items: ministers 63; congregations 176; baptisms 4604; confirmations 2091: communicants 25788; deaths 1330; Sunday schools 61. This Synod appears to be actively engaged in the Master's cause. We rejoice to see that it approbates the measures proposed by the General Synod in reference to the celebration of the centenary of Lutheranism. It also appears, from a resolution of this Synod, that it is taking an active part with the Bible Society of Pennsylvania, which has resolved to furnish every family in the state with a copy of the bible. It is truly cheering to us to see that the Missionary Society of this Synod has undertaken to support a missionary in a foreign land, and that the Rev. F. Heyer has been engaged as their missionary. We bid our brethren God speed in this noble enterprise.

6. From the journal of the sixth annual session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the west, convened at Jeffersontown, Kentucky, October 7, 1840, we learn the following items: number of ministers connected with this body 21. Its officers are

Rev. Wm. Jenkins, *President.*
" George Yeager, *Secretary.*
" George H. Brandau, *Treasurer.*

Number of congregations reported 29; baptisms 491; confirmations 229; communicants 2167; Sunday schools 11. We rejoice to see that these brethren appear actively engaged in the benevolent enterprises of the day. We hope and believe that the establishment of a theological seminary in the *west* will produce an abundant good to the church in that quarter, and may God smile upon it.

7. The eleventh convention of the General Synod met in Baltimore on the 8th of May, 1841, at which meeting the following district Synods were represented, to wit, Maryland, West Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Hartwick, New York, Virginia and Synod of the West, which last named Synod attached itself to the General Synod during its last session. Its officers are

Rev. George A. Lintner, D. D., *President.*
" C. A. Smith, *Secretary.*
" S. H. Buehler, *Treasurer.*

Your committee notice that only one of our delegates was present at this meeting. They likewise observe that there was a plan of parochial reports drawn up by Rev. John G. Morris, in obedience to a resolution of the 10th session of that body for the adoption of district Synods. We rejoice to see that although the 8th resolution of the 10th session was re-considered, that its continuance upon the journal of Synod, or its final rejection, was *indefinitely* postponed. The committee also earnestly recom-

mend to the consideration of this Synod, the resolutions prepared by the Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz concerning the centenary celebration as adopted by that body, and that money collected during the centenary year, be an established fund, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to such literary and benevolent objects as this Synod may direct.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN AREY,
JOHN D. SCHECK,
JACOB CRIM,
THOMAS J. MYERS.

Adopted.

Report No. 5.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of last year and report on all unfinished business have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1 is a resolution No. 17 that President of Synod be requested to visit Luther's church in the lower part of Rowan county, as often as convenient.

Item 2 is a resolution, No. 18, that the brethren generally visit Jerusalem church, in Davie county, N. C.

Item 3 is resolution No. 20, that some ministers belonging to this body preach upon the following subjects at the present meeting of Synod: 1, Sunday schools; 2, on revivals; 3, on temperance; 4, church government and discipline.

Item 4 is a resolution No. 25, that the Book Company be requested to establish a depository within the bounds of our Synod, and appoint an agent for the sale of their publications. These are all the items of unfinished business which your committee find in the minutes of last year.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ARTZ,
HENRY BLACKWELDER.

Adopted.

Moved that we now adjourn until after divine service. The Rev. S. Rothrock delivered the Synodical discourse from 1 Tim. vi. 12 —"Fight the good fight of faith;" after which the President addressed the congregation, urging upon them the necessity of a thorough examination of their hearts and deep humiliation before God in view of solemnities in which they expected to engage on the approaching Sabbath. The pastor loci, Rev. Jacob Sherer, then proposed the usual questions to the communicants, offered prayer, and then dismissed them with the apostolic benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

Synod resumed its business. Prayer by brother Crim.

The parochial reports were now called for, and are as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	Confirmations	Rec. by letter.	Communicant	Deaths.	Sun. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Catechumens.	Temp. soc.	Miss. Society.
Rev. Jacob Sherer, - - -	2	18	2	26		150	9	2					
" Henry Greaber, - - -	2	75		32		467	15	2		350			2
" William Artz, - - -	5	55		28		216	18						
" Benjamin Arey, - -	3	25			4	182		3	25	87			
" Samuel Rothrock, - -	5	40		5		348	14						2
" Elijah Hawkins, - -	3	31	1	2		120					31		
" John D. Scheck, - - -	2	58		24		250	45						
" William G. Harter, - -	3	23	2	3		329	3						
" Jacob Crim, - - -	5	8		1		105	14						
" John J. Greever, - -	3	10				120	2	1			40	2	
" Gideon Sherer, - - -	2	1				56		3	12	106	7	1	
" Adam Grimes—no report. -													
" John Swicegood, " - -													
" Jacob Grieson, " -													

CABARRUS Co., N. C., *Sept.* 8, 1841.

To the Synod of North Carolina.

The following is my account with Synod as its Treasurer for the present Synodical year.

Received from the former Treasurer on note, - -	$68 05	
Contributions from the churches, - - -	66 50	
Received from Rev. P. A. Strobel, - - -	2 30	
		$136 85
To cash paid out per order of Synod,		
To Rev S. Rothrock, - - - -	$2 35	
" Wm. Artz, - - - - -	1 00	
" A. Grimes, - - - - -	12 50	
" H. Graeber, - - - - -	10 00	
To printing minutes of last Synod, as per account, -	77 75	
Postage on letter, - - - - - -	18¾	
		103 78¾
Leaving a balance in the treasury of - - - -		$33 06¼
For which I make the following account:		
Due Synod as per note on Rev. P. A. Strobel, - - -		$28 32
Cash on hand, - - - - - - -		4 74¼
		$33 06¼

Respectfully submitted.

D. M. ISENHAUER, *Treasurer.*

Report on Treasurer's Account.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account, beg leave to repert that they have careful examined them, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. HARTER,
THOS. MYERS,
C. KEIMS.

Adopted.

6. *Ordered*, That the Treasurer of Synod pay bro. Rothrock the sum of $3 68¾ for postage—and to P. A. Strobel for travelling expenses to the Synod of South Carolina, and postage on letters, the sum of nine dollars.

The members of Synod were now called upon for the contributions for the Synodical Treasury.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Jacob Scherer's Churches.

St. Paul's	$1 39	
Kimberling's	1 00	
	——	$2 39

Rev. Henry Greaber's Churches.

Organ (Zion)	7 00	
St. John's	8 00	
	——	15 00

Rev. L. Rothrock's Churches.

Union	1 66¼	
St. Pauls	2 00	
St. Matthew's	1 76	
St. Stephen's	1 35	
Luther's church	1 10	
	——	7 87¼

Rev. B. Arey's Churches.

St. Paul's	1 20	
St. Michael's	1 35	
St. Matthew's	1 22½	
	——	3 77½

Rev. Elijah Hawkin's Churches, 5 00

Rev. William Artz's Churches, 4 00

Rev. John J. Greever's Church.

Burk's Garden	2 00

Rev. Gideon Scherer's Churches.

Zion's	75	
St. Peter's	60	
	——	1 35

Rev. John D. Scheck's Churches.

St. John's (Salisbury) - - - -	4 45	
Luther's Chapel - - - - -	4 00	
		8 45

Rev. Jacob Crim's Churches.

Mount Hopwell - - - -	1 80	
Sandy Creek - - - -	85	
Pilgrim's - - - - -	72	
Beck's - - - - -	70	
		4 06¼

Rev. William G. Harter's Churches.

St. Enoch's - - - -	3 25	
Cold Water - - - -	3 30	
Bethel - - - -	1 73¾	
		8 28¾

The contributions intended for the Seminary fund were now called for, which were paid in, and are as fallows:

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Jocob Scherer's Churches - - -	$23
" Henry Greaber's " - - - -	60
" Samuel Rothrock's " - - -	32
" Benjamin Arey's " - - - -	10
	$125

7. *Resolved*, That the above amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, collected towards the Seminary funds, be paid to Rev. S. Rothrock, to be conveyed by him to the Treasurer of the Seminary.

8. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until Monday after the meeting of the Missionary Society.

Closed with prayer by brother Greever.

At night brother Crim preached to a crowded house from Heb. iv. 9: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

September 26.

At nine o'clock a prayer meeting was held in the church which was continued until the hour of preaching had arrived, when, in consequence of so large a concourse, it was determined to conduct the exercises at a stand previously prepared. The Secretary preached from Isa. xl. 16, and was succeeded by br. Artz, who, according to appointment, delivered an impressive and appropriate

sermon on the subjects of Education and Domestic Missions, from Amos vii. 5, "Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee; by whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small." After which a collection in aid of the societies was taken up. The Lord's Supper was then administered to the members of Synod, to the members of the church in whose bounds the Synod had convened, and to many friends who united with us from other churches; when the benediction was pronounced, and the congregation retired for half an hour.

After an intermission of half an hour, the congregation re-assembled at the stand, when the President, agreeably to previous appointment, delivered an eloquent discourse on the subject of Sabbath Schools, from Acts xiii. 14, 15, 16, "But when they departed from Perga they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down, and after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the Synagogue sent unto them saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God give audience." The services were then closed with the benediction,

At night brother Harter preached in the church from Heb. xii. 1, 2, "And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Br.'s Crim and Greaber preached at the same hour in different parts of the neighborhood. Thus ended the solemn and impressive exercises of this day.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 27th.*

The Missionary and Education Society held its annual meeting. See proceedings of Missionary Society.

The hour of public worship having arrived, br. Hawkins, in compliance with a resolution of last Synod, preached on the subject of *Revivals of Religion*, text, Habakuk, iii. 2, "O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years."

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 28th.*

Synod was opened with prayer by the Secretary. The minutes of preceding sessions read and confirmed.

Report on Seminary Funds.

The Committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Seminary beg leave to state, that they find it correct, viz.

The standing sum in 1840 was	$992 20
Interest on that sum for twelve months	59 58
Amount received at last Synod	163 50
Interest on that sum from the 21st of March to the 5th of October, 1841,	5 27
	$1220 50
Interest subtracted.	64 80
Leving an aggregate	$1155 70

Respectfully submitted,

E. HAWKINS.
JONAS HOSTLE.

Adopted.

9. *Resolved*, That the above amount of interest ($64.80 cts.) be paid over to br. Harter, to be conveyed by him to the Treasurer of the Seminary of South Carolina.

A communication from Rev. P. A. Strobel, former Secretary of this body, was now read, as recommended by the committee on letters, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

10. *Resolved*, That it is to us a source of gratification to discover the friendly feeling still cherished by br. Strobel towards this body and pray that the blessing of the *Master* may attend him in his new field of labor.

11. *Resolved*, That in consequence of his removal from the bounds of this Synod and attaching himself to that of S. Carolina, he cannot act in future as a Director on the part of this Synod, of the Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

12. *Resolved*, That his not attending the last meeting of the General Synod as one of our ministerial delegates be excused.

13. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to address a letter to the Superintendant of the Book Company at Baltimore, requesting him to appoint some person within the bounds of our Synod to attend to the sale of the books as recommended by the Book Company, and that in our opinion said agent should live in, or near Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C.

14. *Resolved*, That all our ministers take an active part in the sale of such books as may be forwarded to our agent by the Superintendant of the Book Company, and recommend them to their people.

15. *Resolved*, That the plan of *Parochial Reports* recommended

by the General Synod be adopted by this body, with this amendment, "Received by letter," inserted instead of "From other denominations."

16. *Resolved*, That in our opinion, any further action on the part of General Synod under existing circumstances, in relation to the eighth resolution of the 10th convention of said body, as far as the Tennessee Synod is concerned, would be injudicious, and would prove injnrious to the best interest of the Lutheran church in the South.

17. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee of five to draft a plan for the celebration of the approaching centenary year, to consist of three ministers and two laymen. Appointed Rev. Messrs. Artz, Rothrock and Harter—Laymen, Messrs. Blackwelder and Richard to report this afternoon.

18. *Resolved*, That Synod now proceed to an election for a Director of the Seminary for three years. Rev. Samuel Rothrock was elected.

Synod now went into an election for a delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, which resulted in the choice of br. Harter.

19. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a delegate to the German Reformed Classis of North Carolina. The President appointed the Secretary.

20. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to br. Hawkins, and likewise to br. Greaber, for their very appropriate sermons delivered before this Synod—the former on the subject of Revivals, and the latter on the subject of Sabbath schools.

An election was now held for a director of the Book Company—elected br. Artz.

21. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until after divine service. Closed with the benediction.

Brother Artz delivered an edifying sermon from Gen ii. 16, 17. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in that day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

SIXTH SESSION.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 *o'clock.*

The Synod resumed its deliberations.

A call was made for the report of the ministerial delegates to the

General Synod. Brother Hawkins our only ministerial delegate who found it convenient to attend the last convention of the General Synod presented the following report:

Delegate's Report.

The delegate appointed to attend the General Synod which convened in Baltimore in May last, begs leave to state, that he attended to the duty assigned him, and met with a welcome reception by all the brethren in attendance; and that much important business was transacted there, to which he cannot refer now; he will direct attention to that business which more especially is connected with this Synod, and

1st. A transfer of all the stock and property belonging to the Board of Trustees of the Book Company of the Lutheran church was made to the General Synod for the benefit of the Lutheran church.

According to the provisions of this transfer, it becomes the duty of each District Synod connected with the General Synod, to appoint one minister, who is to be associated with the Board in its management. The duty of the Board thus created, is to examine all books to be published by the Board, and a majority of them may have power to arrest the publication of any book, or periodical, containing sentiments unscriptural or opposed to the doctrines and interest of the Lutheran church.

2d. By an act of the General Synod, the year 1842, commencing on 31st of October ensuing, and terminating with the 31st of the same month, in the year of our Lord 1842, is to be celebrated as a *centenary* of Lutheranism by all the churches in its connection.

The object of this celebration is, to promote the spiritual and temporal interests of our church, by increased fervor and faithfulness in prayer, close and pungent preaching of the gospel, frequent holding of conference meetings, and by special and systematic exertions to obtain funds for the support of the prominent benevolent institutions of the church. According to the provisions of this act,

1. All the funds collected within the bounds of each Synod, whose appropriations are not specified by the donor, shall be specifically appropriated by said Synod.

2. Each Synod shall preserve a record of all the donations and subscriptions obtained within its bounds, and also send a record to the Secretary of the General Synod, to be transcribed by him into the Archives of the General Synod, and thus preserved as a monument of the zeal and liberality of the Lutheran church of the present age.

3. According to the "bye-laws" adopted by the General Synod, as well as the constitution of that body, "written certificates of the appointment of delegates, signed by the President and Secretary of the Synod which they represent, shall be required.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH HAWKINS.

Adopted.

22. *Resolved*, That brother Artz, whose reasons are satisfactory, be excused for non-attendance at the last convention of the General Synod.

The Secretary brought to the notice of Synod the condition of the lands bequeathed to the Directors of the Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., amounting to two thousand acres or more, by our late venerable Father Shober, stating that during an interview lately had

with E. Shober, Esq. Executor, he (E. Shober) stated that he had written to the President of the General Synod, and to the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, requesting them to appoint an agent to dispose of the lands, to prevent intrusions, &c., and that all his communications thus addressed, had been treated with neglect. He also informed the Secretary, that since the death of his father, he had regularly paid the taxes on said lands, but that he could do so no longer. Whereupon, it was

22. *Resolved*, That the President correspond with the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, relative to the lands bequeathed to that Institution by our venerable father Shober, deceased, with a view that they may not be lost to the church.

23. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches the propriety of granting to their ministers, one month during the ensuing year, in order to give them an opportunity of visiting such destitute parts of our church as they may feel disposed, and that at the next meeting of Synod, they be required to report the result of their labors, in connection with a statement of all the facts, relative to the condition and prospects of those parts of the church which they may have visited.

24. *Resolved*, That 1000 copies of our Minutes be printed, and that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution.

Upon ballotting for the next place of holding the Synod, Mr. Richard superintending, it was terminated in favor of Luther's Chapel, Rowan county, N. C.

25. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this Synod, be held at Luther's Chapel, Rowan county, N. C. Commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, (23d of the month) 1842.

Centenary Report.

The committee oppointed to draft recommendations respecting the celebration of the approaching centenary year, beg leave to recommend:

1. That each minister, in connexion with this Synod, exert himself to obtain funds by subscription donations, &c., during the centenary year, to be paid in annual instalments for the space of *four years*. This fund to be called *The Centenary Fund*, to be exclusively under the control of this Synod, as a *permanent fund*, the *interest* of which is to be appropriated as Synod shall direct.

2. We recommend that the centenary year commence on the 31st of October, 1841, that our ministers preach appropriate sermons, and that the church councils and members of our congregations, co-operate with them in accomplishing the object contemplated.

3. We recommend that our ministers make special efforts during the centenary year to circulate the religious periodicals of our church.

4. We further recommend that each minister report the result of his efforts to Synod at its next annual meeting.

WILLIAM ARTZ,
BENJAMIN AREY,
S. ROTHROCK,
WILLIAM G. HARTER,
ANDREW RICKARD,
HENRY BLACKWELDER.

Adopted.

26. *Resolved*, That brother Artz be requested to preach on the subject of church government and discipline at the next meeting of Synod.

27. *Resolved*, That brother Hawkins be appointed to deliver at the next meeting of Synod, a discourse on the subject of Temperance.

28. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members and friends of St. Peter's church for the affectionate and hospitable manner in which we were received and entertained by them.

29. *Resolved*, That Synod now close its sessions. Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

JOHN DANIEL SCHECK, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 27, 6 *o'clock.*

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by the President.

On demand the journals and sermons of the licentiates, under the care of this Synod, were now presented.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine the journals and sermons of the licentiates, and report at the next meeting of the Ministerium. The President appointed brothers Arey and Hawkins.

2. *Resolved*, That brother Crim be requested to appear before the Ministerium at its next session for examination.

The communications referred to the Ministerium by the committee were now considered. In relation to the petition from Blakeley county Ind., it was

3. *Resolved*, That we sympathise with the people of Blakely county, Indiana, in their destitute condition, and regret that we can not comply with their request to send them a minister who can officiate both in the German and English languages, but advise them to make known their situation to the Synod of the West.

Resolved, That we request brother Jacob Sherer to pay them a visit if he travel to the West, as he contemplates doing.

Resolved, That we now adjourn till Monday evening.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, *Nov. 27th.*

Ministerium was opened with prayer by brother Artz.

The committee appointed at the previous session of the Ministerium to examine the sermons and journals of the licentiates, presented the following

Report.

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and journals of the licentiates report. That they have examined the sermons and journals of br.'s Greever, Scherer, and Crim, and rejoice to find that they have improved in composition, and in the rules of sermonizing. Their sermons manifest diligent research and scriptural knowledge. From their journals we learn, that they have been actively enagaged in the labors of the Gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH HAWKINS.
BENJAMIN AREY.

Adopted.

Brother Crim appeared before the Ministerium for examination, which was conducted by the President and brother Artz. The brethren being fully satisfied with the progress brother Crim had made in his Theological studies, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That, in compliance with the wishes of brother Crim, he be ordained in his own church, and that the President appoint a committee to attend to his ordination on the first Sabbath in November next. The President appointed the Secretary and Rev. Mr. Rothrock.

Resolved, That the President be added to the above committee.

Resolved, That the lincenses of brothers Greever, Scherer, Swicegood and Grimes, be renewed for one year.

Resolved, That we now adjourn until to-morrow evening. Clo sing prayer by brother Hawkins.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, *Nov. 28th.*

The Ministerium met pursuant to adjournment, and was opene with prayer by brother Harter.

The Minutes of preceding sessions were read and confirmed The first business in order was the petitions from the churches a Burk's Garden, in Tazewell county, and Sharon and St. John' churches in Wythe county, asking a continuation of the ministeria services of the Rev. John J. Greever, a licentiate of this body The petition having been duly considered, it was

Resolved, That the petition from the churches in Tazewell an Wythe counties, Va., requesting the labors of the Rev. John J Greever, the ensuing year, be complied with.

Resolved, That brother Swicegood be requested to visit Naza reth, Garber's and Bethlehem churches Stokes county, N. C., a often as practicable during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That brother Crim supply the church (Jerusalem) i Davie county, N. C., during the ensuing year.

The Ministerium now proceeded to the consideration of th letters adverted to by Rev. Mr. Rothrock, the former President o this body, in his annual address, and referred to the Ministeriu by the committee on letters, touching the case of Rev. John T Tabler. The Secretary was requested to read the said letters i the order in which they were received, which was accordingl done.

After a prayerful examination of the charges preferred agains Rev. John T. Tabler, the Ministerium came to the following con clusion,

Believing ourselves to be in the possession of all the evidenc necessary to a just decision of the case of Rev. John T. Table and in accordance with Article 13th, Section 5th of the Constitu tion of our Synod, which is as follows, "If a minister be foun guilty of *Drunkenness*, fundamental heresy, lewdness, or highe crime, his suspension shall not be renewed till after some time o penitence, and humble and edifying conduct. And he cannot be re stored by any other judicatory than the Synod or Ministerium his case was one of fundamental heresy."

Resolved, That our unfortunate brother, John T. Tabler be suspended from the exercise of all clerical functions, under the sanction of this Ministerium for an indefinite time; or until he give satisfactory evidence of his reformation and sincere repentance for the immoral conduct of which he stands charged. The Ministerium having been in session six hours and a half in the examination of the case, it was closed with prayer at half past 12 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN D. SCHECK, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN:

We, in the providence of God, are again permitted to assemble in Synod. It pleased the Lord, during the past year, to exercise over us his preserving care, and manifest unto us his goodness, by conferring upon us the necessaries and comforts of life, and continuing unto us the means of grace, which when properly used, are so well adapted to our spiritual improvement. And although we may, from a review of the past, have cause for humiliation and sorrow, yet, at the same time, we have also abundant cause for rejoicing and gratitude; and we are again permitted to assemble in our Synodical capacity to devise plans and recommend means which, we hope, will by the blessing of God, prove efficient in accomplishing the important end we have in view—the prosperity of the church and the salvation of men. May the Lord preside over us in our deliberations, aid us by the enlightening influences of the Spirit, and guide us into the ways of truth.

As your President it becomes my constitutional duty, as the last act appertaining to my office, to lay before you a detailed account of my official acts during the past Synodical year. In accordance with a resolution of this Synod, at its last meeting, I sent a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. Jacob Miller, formerly a member of this body, but now living in the state of Indiana; said brother intends to attach himself to the Synod of the West.

On the 2d of February in this year I received a letter from Rev. P. A. Strobel, bel, informing me that he had resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation formerly under his care, and accepted a call from the Lutheran church in Columbia, S. C., to which place he expected shortly to remove. Said letter contained the following report: baptized, since Synod, 9 infants; expelled 6 from the communion of the church.

On the 16th of February I received a letter from Rev. N. Aldrick, informing me of his having received and accepted a call to the pastoral charge of the evangelical Lutheran church in Savannah, Georgia, and requested that a letter of honorable dismission might be sent him. In compliance with his request a letter of dismission was sent him.

On the 17th of March I received a second letter from Rev. P. A. Strobel, in which he resigned his office as Secretary of this body, and requested a letter of honorable dismission, with a view of connecting himself with the Synod of South Carolina. This request was complied with, and a letter of dismission forwarded.

On the 8th of May I received a letter from Rev. E. Harter, giving me regular notice of his removal into the geographical bounds of this Synod, and of his acceptance of a call to the pastoral charge of St. Enoch and Coldwater congregations. Brother Harter enjoys the confidence of his people, and his prospects for usefulness among them are flattering.

On the 17th of June I received a letter from Frederick city, Md., written by two respectable ministers in the Lutheran church, preferring certain charges of immorality against the Rev. John T. Tabler, a member of this body. By adverting to the constitution of our Synod, and in view of the evidence by which those charges were supported, it became the painful duty of your Prssident to suspend said Tabler from clerical functions, said suspension to continue in force until the present meeting of Synod.

On the 3d of August I received a letter from Rev. Jacob Scherer, giving a very favorable account of the state of religion in his congregations. This is indeed rejoicing to the heart of the Christian, and we hope there may soon be a copious outpouring of the Spirit of God upon all our churches.

Relative to the celebration of a centenary of Lutheranism in the United States, as recommended by the General Synod at its last meeting, we have no new suggestions to make, but would recommend the subject to the favorable attention of this body.

And now may grace and peace be multiplied unto us all through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *President.*

(B.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

September 27, 1841, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

In pursuance of a resolution of the society, at its last meeting, it met on the 27th of September, 1841, and was opened with singing, and prayer by the Secretary. Our former President not being present, the Rev. Rothrock was appointed Secretary pro tem. After the proper explanations relative to the objects and terms of membership were offered by our former Secretary, a goodly number came forward and contributed the amount necessary to constitute membership, and took their seats. The society then proceeded to the election of officers by ballot. The following persons were elected:

Rev. S. Rothrock, *President.*
" Wm. Artz, *Vice President.*
" B. Arey, *Secretary.*
Henry Blackwelder, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's report was then called for which was done by brother Harter, as our former Treasurer was not present. On motion, the brethren appointed a committee of three to examine and report the result of the former Treasurer's report. The committee appointed: Rev. Harter, Graeber and Randleman.

Report No. 1.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society beg leave to report that they have discharged the duty assigned them.

They beg leave to notice an apparent inaccuracy in the statement of the amount of money received into the treasury last year. It would appear that the sum of $5 88 had not been paid over, but information has reached us that this sum was collected from the Cold Water Society, and was twice counted, which produced the apparent inaccuracy.

The account of the Treasurer shows that he has received -	$113 59
And paid out - - - - - - - -	110 00
Leaving a balance in favor of the society of - - - -	$3 59

Respectfully submitted.

WM. G. HARTER,
HENRY GRAEBER.

Adopted.

MONIES COLLECTED.

Amount received on Sunday, - - - - - -	$19 26¼
Rev. H. Graeber's Churches.	
Missionary Society of Organ church, to be devoted to the Education cause,	$8 00
St. John's church, devoted as above, - - - - - -	13 95
Rev. S. Rothrock's Churches.	
Missionary Society of St. Paul's church, - - - - -	$7 35
" Union church, - - - - -	10 09¼
" St. Stephen's church, - - - - -	4 30
Amount paid in by members of Society, - - - - -	5 00
Rev. P. A. Stroble, donation, - - - - - - -	1 25
Total amount in treasury, - - - - - - -	$73 60½

The following persons were appointed to serve as directors for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Wm. Artz, J. Scherer, E. Hawkins, John St. Randleman, A. Richart, P. Grosclose.

The following persons were appointed to serve as an executive committee for the present year, viz: Rev. H. Graeber, Harter and Arey.

Report No. 2.

The executive committee of the Missionary and Education Society, to whom i was recommended by the 16th resolution of our last Synod, to employ an active missionary, beg leave to state, 1. That your committee did not succeed in procuri such a missionary during the past year. 2. Your committee ordered the Treasurer of the Society in December last to pay Mr. John Krimminger $110, and took his note for the same, subject to the order of the Society.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY GRAEBER,
JOHN D. SHECK,
BENJAMIN AREY.

Adopted.

The hour of preaching having arrived, the Society now adjourned until after preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In consequence of the indisposition of the President, the Rev. H. Graeber was called to the chair.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Rev. Mr. Artz for his appropriate sermon preached on yesterday.

2. *Resolved*, That some minister be appointed by the President to preach on the subject of education and missions at the next annual meeting of the Society.

President appointed brother Harter.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Education and Missionary Society pay over to Mr. Krimminger, whenever called upon, the sum of thirty dollars.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Society be requested to confer with the executive committee of the Missionary Society of the Synod of South Carolina in relation to the support of beneficiaries that may be sent by the executive committee of the Education and Missionary Society of the Synod of North Carolina.

5. *Resolved*, That we reciprocate the kind feeling contained in the letter received from Rev. A. Strobel, and that he bears with him the best wishes of the Society.

6. *Resolved*, That an extract of the minutes of this Socicty be appended to and printed with the minutes of Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of the Society be held at the time and place of the meeting of Synod, and that the Society meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

8. *Resolved*, That the Society now adjourn.

Closed with singing and prayer.

BENJAMIN AREY, *Secretary*.